Industrial growth centres in Orissa

548. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial growth centres set up in Orissa as on date;

(b) the districts where those growth centres have been set up;

(c) whether steps are being taken by Government for effective functioning of those growth centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (b) Under the Growth Centre Scheme 1988, the State of Orissa has been allotted 4 centres of which 2 have been approved namely Chatrapur (Chatrapur) and Duburi (Cuttack). The other two are proposed to be established at Jharsuguda (Jharsuguda) and Kesinga (Kalahandi).

(c) and (d) The State Government is responsible for the implementation of the projects.

Special Component scheme of KVIC

549. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi & Village Industries Commission have launched various schemes/projects in selected districts all over the country under its special component scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme alongwith other programmes being implemented by KVIC and progress reported during 1996-97, State-wise in general and for Maharashtra State in particular; and

(c) the details of districts selected in Maharashtra by KVIC and schemes ongoing and new projects proposed to be implemented for providing employment to rural youths?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Khadi and Village Industries Commission launched District Special Employment Programme and 125 Block Development Programme in identified backward districts and blocks. These two programmes were launched to generate 10,000 and 1,000 sustainbale jobs in each district and block respectively. In addition, KVIC also launched Special Projects/National Programmes on Leather Industry, Bee-keeping industry and Handmade Paper Industry etc. The details of the scheme and the progress during 1996-97 are enclosed as statement I, II and III (*See* below)

(c) In Maharashtra, 5 districts have been selected for launching special employment programmes under which six Village Industries projects and 5 proposals under Polyvastra have been received for sanction of funds by KVIC. Details of these proposals are given in statement IV.